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SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS ON GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL
FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA)

1. EC DELEGATION HEADED BY GALLAGHER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS, MET WITH DEPT. ON AUGUST 24 TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATING A GIFA WITH THE U.S.
THE DEPT. GAVE EXPLANATION OF NEW FISHERY LAW AND ITS
REQUIREMENTS TO RECOGNIZE U.S. FISHERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY,
SUMMARIZED CURRENT STATUS OF U.S. FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS, AND
EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS ON A FISHERY
AGREEMENT WITH THE EC IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR IN WASHINGTON.

2. DEPT EXPLAINED PROVISIONS IN LAW WHICH REQUIRE
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF GIFA'S AND THAT A COMMITMENT ON
THE PART OF THE EC TO RECOGNIZE U.S. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY
AND OTHER CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE LAW MUST BE
BINDING ON ITS MEMBER STATES. DEPT. ALSO NOTED REQUIREMENT
FOR PERMITS TO BE PLACED ABOARD FISHING AND FISHERY SUPPORT
VESSELS BY MARCH 1, 1977.

3. GALLAGHER APPEARED UNFAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF THE U.S.
LAW. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A 10-15 YEAR AGREEMENT, AND

IN OBTAINING A COMMITMENT TO THE EC FOR SPECIFIC ALLOCA-
TIONS OF A PORTION OF THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR
FOREIGN VESSELS. DEPT. EXPLAINED THE PROCESS OF DETERMIN-
ING THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH UNDER THE LAW, THAT GIFA
ONLY ESTABLISHES THE PRINCIPLES AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE PERMITTED TO APPLY FOR PORTION OF
ANY SURPLUS, AND STATED THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT GUARANTEE
THE EC A FISHERY UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

4. THE DEPT REFERRED TO THE TRADITIONAL FISHERIES OF THE
FRG, ITALY AND FRANCE OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST, AND STATED
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THAT THE U/S. CLEARLY DID NOT CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE EC AS MEANS OF ENTRY BY OTHER EC STATES IN
FISHERIES OFF THE U.S. COAST UNDER PRESENT REDUCED STOCK
CONDITIONS, OR OF EXPANDING CURRENT FISHERIES INTO NEW
AREAS SUCH AS THE PACIFIC. DEPT EMPHASIZED THAT CURRENT
FOREIGN CATCH LEVELS ON MOST STOCKS WILL LIKELY BE
REDUCED.

5. GALLAGHER EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE EX-
PLORATORY TALKS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY ON THE
OVERALL FISHERY ISSUE, AND HIS HOPE TO INITIATE FISHERY
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN LATE OCTOBER. HE ALSO
STATED THAT THE EC WAS EMPOWERED TO BIND ITS MEMBERS TO
THE RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS IN A FISHERIES AGREEMENT
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